

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-73 (Cancelled).

1 74 (Currently amended). [[The]] An isolated polypeptide of claim 67, which consists of amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5.

2 75 (Previously Presented). A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 74.

3 76 (Previously Presented). An isolated DNA molecule encoding the polypeptide of claim 74.

4 77 (Previously Presented). The isolated DNA molecule of claim 76 consisting of nucleotides 459 to 602 of SEQ ID NO:1.

5 78 (Previously Presented). An expression vector comprising the DNA molecule of claim 76.

6 79 (Previously presented). An isolated host cell transformed with the DNA molecule of claim 76.<sup>3</sup>

7 80 (Previously Presented). A method for preparing a polypeptide, comprising:

culturing the host cell of claim 79 to express a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5; and

recovering the expressed polypeptide.

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~~81~~ (Previously Presented). A method for treating arthritis, comprising administering to an individual in need thereof the polypeptide of claim ~~74~~.

82 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 81,  
wherein the arthritis treated is rheumatoid arthritis.

83 (Cancelled)

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